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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	03/750,990
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Group Art Unit	1761
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Attorney Docket Number	6745-09-2028

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- ☒ Previously submitted
 - ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 22, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
- ☐ Enclosed
 - ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(d) required)
- ☒ Other: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended by _____ months (i.e. up to and including March 22, 2003. Payment in the amount of \$410.00 may be charged to the deposit account as authorized below)

Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(c) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(c)
 - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - ☐ Other
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